

REMARKSThe Claim Amendments

Applicants have included a complete listing of the claims.

None of these amendments adds new matter. Their entry is requested.

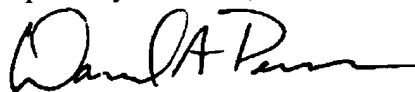
The Response

The Notice states that a complete listing of the claims, including withdrawn claims, should be supplied. Applicants have supplied a complete claim listing, thus complying with the requirements of the Notice.

Conclusion

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the above amendments, consider the matters taken up in the remarks, and allow the claims to pass to issue. Should the Examiner deem expedient a telephone discussion to further the prosecution of the above application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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